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Applicant: Maass, et al.
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 10, 2002. Claims 10-24 remain in this application.

Claims 10-13 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Szerdahelyi. Szerdahelyi does not disclose an access opening sized large enough to allow entry of a carrier module into an interior space formed between an exterior and interior sheet. As shown in Figure 1b of Szerdahelyi, module support 3 closes an opening 10. Two small assembly openings 3a and 3b in the upper area of the module support 3 receive functional units 5 and 6. The Examiner is calling the assembly openings 3a and 3b the access opening. As the assembly openings 3a and 3b are smaller than the module 3, the openings 3a and 3b are not sized large enough to allow entry of the module 3 into an interior space formed between sheets of the doors as required by Applicant's claims. Szerdahelyi does not disclose any access opening which allows a carrier module to enter the interior space of a door between the exterior and interior sheets. Applicant's claims are not anticipated by Szerdahelyi.

Claims 14-21 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Szerdahelyi in view of Carlo. As disclosed in column 3, lines 66 to column 4, line 2 of Szerdahelyi,


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the window lift mechanism 31 is mounted on the side facing the outer door panel 1a (wet side) and the motorized driver 31f is located on the outer side that faces the inner door trim (dry side). As shown in the Figure, Carlo suggests employing a window raiser 6 that faces away from the outer door panel. If Carlo was truly combined with Szerdahelyi, the window lift mechanism 31 would face away from the outer door panel and be located on the dry side. Szerdahelyi requires that the window lift mechanism 31 be located on the wet side. There is no suggestion to combine these references, and Applicant's claims are not obvious.

Claims 10-24 are in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C. for any additional fees due or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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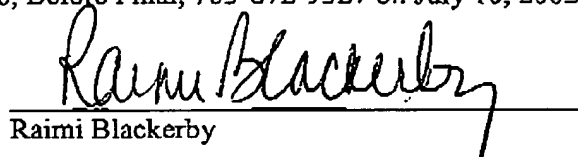
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